



It was a metaphor so literal, if it was a movie you'd throw popcorn at the screen. The walking embodiment of old Hollywood and white privilege, frozen in bewilderment, allows a cadre of white males to think they've won for a light-hearted confection about cute white dreamers in L.A. And then we all watch as they physically transfer the statuette to a female producer and a black director for their intimate movie about a black gay man. "I'm going to be really proud to hand this to my friends from Moonlight," Horowitz said gracefully. *Speaking for humankind? We can only dream.* SCHNELLER ON THE OSCAR FINALE

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Mumps, measles seem to be under control

HEALTH

Nova Scotia public officials cautious but optimistic after outbreaks



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

Mumps outbreaks have public health officials across the country on alert, but here in Nova Scotia three recent incidents of mumps and seven measles cases appear to be under control.

This past weekend, suspected cases of mumps sidelined several Vancouver Canucks players. Ontario has seen a surge, as have the provinces of Alberta and Manitoba.

"We haven't had much mumps over the past few years and so this is a bit unusual to have three cases over a period of a couple of months. It is higher than normal but it is not something that is considered a major concern," said Dr. Trevor Arnason, medical officer of health for Halifax, the Eastern Shore and West Hants.

"It really is a reflection probably of some of the mumps cases that have cropped up in other places around the country.... We believe that our three cases all link to Toronto."

As of Monday afternoon, there were still only seven reported cases of measles, unchanged from last week. Arnason said Nova Scotia hadn't seen a measles case since 2008 prior to this cluster.

"Some of them have travelled outside the Halifax area during their infectious period and so that's why we're notifying people

across the province," he said.

"There's potential for cases to crop up outside, but for now all the cases have been linked to each other and all are in the Halifax-Dartmouth area."

Arnason said measles cases always originate from outside the province, and they suspect the latest ones are related to clusters in the U.S.

"I think the message is basically we've been very successful with eliminating these diseases through vaccinations and we're still going to see them from time because there are travellers to other places where they still exist commonly," he said.

"We anticipate that we won't have widespread outbreaks here because our immunization programs are robust."

Plus: What you need to know about the mumps outbreaks in Canada, **metroLIFE**



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Nothing 'untoward' here

POLICE

Thousands of dollars, drugs still missing from audit



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Tens of thousands of dollars and several kilograms of illicit drugs are still missing from Halifax Regional Police evidence, but the chief says there's no indication anything "untoward" has happened within his force.

Chief Jean-Michel Blais presented an update on the Drug Exhibit Audit to Monday's meeting of the municipality's Board of Police Commissioners, and outlined the preliminary results of a full inventory, conducted between September 2016 and February 2017, of all 12,792 drug-related exhibits in the police database.

Police were originally unable to physically find 3,000 of those exhibits, including \$98,999.49 in Canadian currency. Blais didn't know how many of the 3,000 had been found, but spokesperson Theresa Rath Spicer said later Monday police have accounted for 140 of them, making up \$72,464.57 of the Canadian currency.

Among the items still outstanding is \$26,534.92 in Canadian currency, more than eight kilograms of marijuana, 1,540 marijuana plants, three kilograms of hashish, more than a kilogram of cocaine and an 80,000-volt stun gun. Blais highlighted the fact that no firearms were ever missing. The evidence issues affected one court case: one charge was dropped against someone facing "numerous charges."

"We're very confident that our officers did not do anything untoward," Blais told reporters after the meeting. "What we are looking at and what we have determined is that there are some gaps in our process, in our policy, in the way that we've done things."

Blais attributed the problems to the amalgamation of Halifax, Dartmouth and Bedford police forces in 1996, and the implementation of a new records-management system



“ The buck stops with me, there's no doubt. Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais

in 2005.

Blais said police have made significant improvements to their processes since this came to light, implementing 23 of 34 recommendations made after the original audit. The other 11 are in progress. The board and regional council also tentatively approved a new position for the police as part of their 2017 budget, a new evidence custodian, which Blais said will help finish the audit and better organize the evidence.

"We want to maintain the confidence of the public and we will work very hard to do that," Blais said.

"My full expectation is that every day that goes by, there are more exhibits, not just money, that are being reconciled."

Board chair and Deputy Mayor Steve Craig asked Blais during the meeting how long it would take police to complete the full audit. Blais said he didn't expect it to be done this coming year, but within the next few years. He couldn't

provide an exact timeline.

"What I'd hoped for though, is a little bit more certainty on when we were going to be finished this audit and how we're going to move forward in the future," Craig said.

Though Craig is still concerned about the security of evidence in police possession, he accepts the police explanation.

"I'm not getting any indication that there's anything underhanded or criminal activity associated with that," Craig said.

That original audit was conducted between June and November 2015 after an officer was accused of stealing from an evidence vault. When it was released publicly last year, 72 of 507 exhibits in the random sample were missing. A team of investigators was able to locate 34 exhibits – meaning they were either found somewhere or destroyed.

The remaining 38, about 7.5 per cent of the sample, could not be found. The team believes 32 drug-related items were destroyed, and six cash

exhibits were deposited into a police bank account, but it was unable to prove that theory.

The six cash exhibits, totaling \$4,956, could have been deposited into a police bank account, but the team "could not determine any of this conclusively due to insufficient documentation."

Deputy Chief Bill Moore told the Board the random sample was representative of the whole of the evidence, and he expected to see similar results when the broader audit was complete.

Calls to seek public's opinions

Halifax Regional Police are hoping to start asking you how they're doing later this year.

The Board of Police Commissioners voted at its meeting on Monday to direct police to work with the board and the RCMP to start quarterly telephone surveys on citizen satisfaction with police.

Between 1999 and 2004, Corporate Research Associates (CRA) conducted an annual survey on behalf of police, and between 2004 and 2013, Halifax Regional Police and Halifax RCMP conducted a joint survey. Police haven't surveyed residents since 2013.

Police research coordinator Dr. Chris Giacomantonio started looking at how other areas survey the public after he was hired last year, and talked to CRA – which has a standing offer for HRM polling – about the costs, which will fall between \$16,650 and \$22,080 annually, cost-shared with the RCMP.

ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

Next steps in street check issue

An information report submitted to the Board of Police Commissioners on Monday, but not presented or debated, outlines the next steps in the response to the controversial practice of street checks by Halifax Regional Police.

Data released by the force last month showed black people in Halifax are three times more likely than white people to be street checked.

Police research coordinator Dr. Chris Giacomantonio plans to "look at socioeconomic and demographic data relating to neighbourhoods in which street checks are conducted," "look at the effectiveness of street checks quantitatively," "look at the effectiveness of the practice qualitatively," and talk to community organizations and the board about what else could be gleaned from the data.

ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

1,540

Number of marijuana plants still outstanding from audit.

JEFF HARPER/METRO



One of Bob Marley's legendary songs was based on Marcus Garvey's words. GETTY IMAGES

Legacy, by way of Nova Scotia

LITERATURE

Book explores link between Bob Marley and Sydney speech



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

Many familiar with Bob Marley's famous Redemption Song might not be aware of its Nova Scotia roots.

The connection, and how it ties in with African Nova Scotian history and the history of racism, is explored in Bedford-based author Jon Tattre's latest book, *Redemption Songs*.

While writing *The Hermit of Africville* in 2009, Tattre often listened to Marley. One day he stumbled on an online claim that Redemption Song was based on a speech given by Marcus Garvey in Sydney, Nova Scotia in 1937.

"Sadly it didn't have a footnote so I set out to investigate and to find out if it was really true," Tattre recalled.

After researching and conducting several interviews, he learned Sydney was indeed where the speech that inspired Redemption Song was delivered.

"Marcus Garvey gives this speech basically at the end of his life, at the end of his career. He dies in 1940 alone and not quite penniless but can't get back to his family in Jamaica because

of the war and this is his really last great moment as a public figure," Tattre said.

"You go ahead to the late 1970s and Bob Marley is dying of cancer but hasn't really told anyone that, and he records his last album and he actually hands it in to the record executives—and they say there's a missing song here, go and do more work."

That's when Marley wrote Redemption Song, using Garvey's Sydney speech for inspiration.

"It becomes his last great work, the last song he wrote picking up the torch from falling hands and carrying it on. And it was the song he would close his last concerts with quite often," Tattre said.

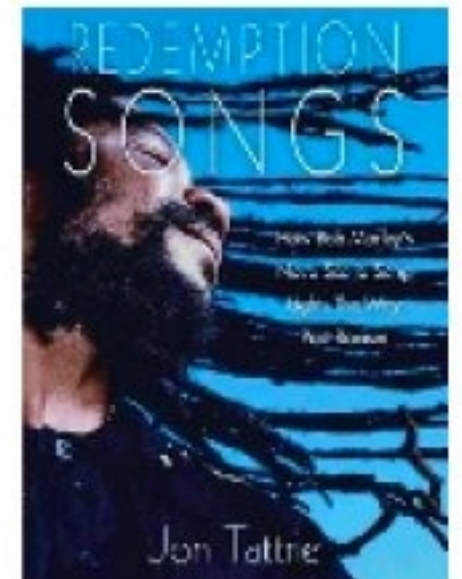
"Marcus Garvey took the puzzle of race and racism as far as he could in his lifetime and then Bob Marley picks it up and carries it into the promised land that Marcus Garvey couldn't reach."

In 1937, Garvey told his Nova Scotia audience, "We are going to emancipate ourselves from mental slavery because while some might free the body none but ourselves can free the mind."

This becomes the core lyric of Marley's song, "emancipate yourself from mental slavery—none but ourselves can free our minds."

"I think a lot of the emotion of the song also speaks to Garvey's visit to Nova Scotia and his encounters with the African Nova Scotian communities here," Tattre said.

Readers of Tattre's latest book won't just learn about Marley and



Redemption Songs cover.

HANDOUT

Garvey, but about African Nova Scotian history from Mathieu da Costa's 1604 arrival to more recent times.

"I hope that (readers) will have a fresh appreciation for African Nova Scotian history, and learn some stuff they might not have learned before and really to think about racism as a solvable problem," he said. "It's not God given or built into us."

+ WHERE TO BUY

Redemption Songs will be available at the official book launch at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic at 7 p.m. Tuesday. They can also be purchased online via Amazon or Nimbus.

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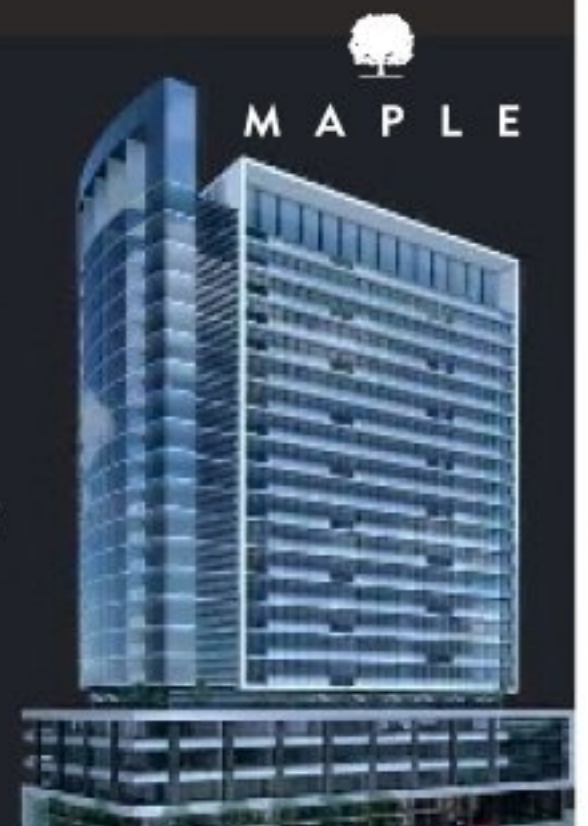
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FOOD

App hopes to get kids eating healthy foods

The makers of a new app are hoping it will encourage kids to eat more fruits and vegetables.

A team of researchers at Dalhousie University in Halifax launched the app called Froogie to help families track their daily food intake based on Canada's Food Guide.

Lead researcher Sara Kirk says her team got the idea for the app while looking into creating supportive environments to prevent chronic disease, like diabetes and heart disease.

She says a number of families had expressed how hard it can be to eat healthy foods

+ FUNDING

Funding for the project was provided by:

- The Canadian Institutes of Health Research
- The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

with such busy lifestyles.

Kirk says the app is designed to be simple enough so that children of all ages can use it, while making it a fun and engaging experience.

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TRURO

Police hunt suspect in hotel abduction attempt

Police in Nova Scotia are looking for a man who allegedly tried to abduct an eight-year-old girl from a hotel in Truro.

Truro police Insp. Rob Hearn says several young girls were on the second floor of the hotel near a vending machine on Saturday around 5 p.m. when they were approached by a stranger.

Hearn says the man put his hands on one of the girls, as if "to keep the child with him," and the girls screamed

+ THE SUSPECT

- The suspect is described as about six feet tall and may have a tattoo around one of his eyes.

and resisted.

He says the children managed to get away from the man and run to their parents.

Hearn says the man fled the area, and police are still looking for him.

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Halifax DIGEST

PORT MOUTON

Police hunt for thieves who made off with lobsters

Lobster thieves are back — two fishing boats were hit a week apart.

RCMP Const. Rob James says the first cache of crustaceans was taken from a boat tied up alongside the wharf in Port Mouton on Feb. 12.

Another 135 kilograms was taken in a similar fashion at the same wharf on Feb. 18, bringing the total amount of stolen lobster up to 270 kilograms, worth about \$6,000.

Last January, police say 48 crates of live lobster were stolen from an outdoor pound on Cape Sable Island. In late 2015, 14 crates of lobster were stolen from a secure compound on Morris Island near Yarmouth.

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DARTMOUTH

Man assaulted in vehicle suffers head injuries

A man was left with a serious head wound after being assaulted by another man in Dartmouth.

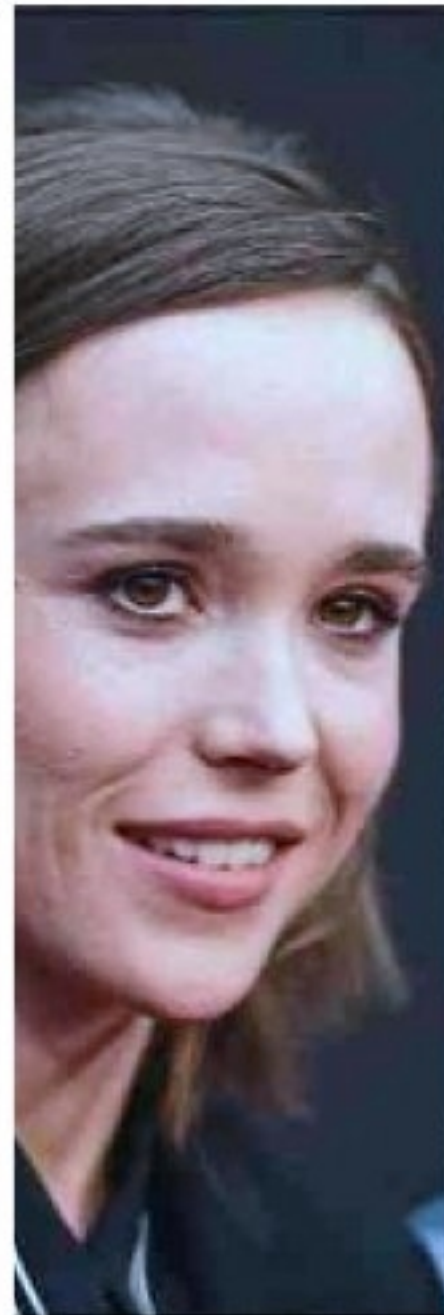
Halifax Regional Police say they responded to a call near the 200 block of Victoria Road on Sunday night, and found a man suffering from a serious head wound.

The suspect was at the scene, and was arrested for the assault, a police release states.

Police note the assault happened in the suspect's vehicle after a disagreement regarding a woman they both knew.

Paramedics transported the victim to the hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

METRO



Ellen Page, from left, Joseph Howe, Viola Desmond, and Sidney Crosby could be some of the remarkable Nova Scotians rolling out over the next few weeks for the public to vote on as part of a future exhibit. METRO FILE

Voting begins on who will make exhibit cut

COMPETITION

Vanguard to showcase 30 remarkable Nova Scotians



Cody McEachern
For Metro | Halifax

Who is the most remarkable Nova Scotian throughout history?

The Nova Scotia Museum is holding a competition to de-



This exhibit is a great opportunity to showcase Nova Scotians from many different walks of life.

Tony Ince, Minister for Communities, Culture and Heritage in a press release

termine which notable Nova Scotians will be showcased in an upcoming exhibit.

The exhibit, called Vanguard: 150 years of remarkable Nova Scotians, will focus on 30 individuals who exemplify innovation and change in the face of adversity, a release said, and those who champion diversity.

The project was developed by the museum's Canada 150 Project Committee, who have already picked 15 of the 30 people to showcase, as well as photos and artifacts related to them.

The committee selected one person per decade, beginning in 1860, for the exhibit. The public, through online voting, will

select the second person.

Over the next five weeks, the public is invited to choose their favourite Nova Scotians from each decade of the past 150 years, starting with 1860s figures Joseph Howe and Sir Charles Tupper.

Voting is open now at museum.novascotia.ca, and the 15 Nova Scotians with the most votes will be part of the exhibit, opening at the Museum of Natural History in Halifax in late June.

Vanguard will be made available as a travelling exhibit this fall.

HEALTH

City facing doctor shortage, survey finds

A recent survey suggests that 20 per cent of Halifax residents don't have access to a family doctor.

The study commissioned by Communications Nova Scotia says access to doctors in Halifax is 80 per cent — lower than the provincial rate of 86 per cent.

Dr. Frances Moriarty, who's been practising since 1978,

says the numbers are troubling, adding she can't name a single doctor in Dartmouth who's currently accepting new patients.

She says she was supposed to retire in December, but can't find a replacement and, in fact, is still looking for a family doctor herself after hers retired three years ago.

The survey of 400 Nova Scotians was conducted in October, and is accurate within 4.9 percentage points 19 times out of 20.

Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie says the survey shows access to family doctors has declined under the Liberals.

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New nursing professionals that the Health Department says will be added to collaborative practices — 14,000 more people access to primary care.



Erich Gennette is rebuilding components of a space probe. TC MEDIA

Streaming from the stratosphere

INNOVATION

Space agency and students team up for video project

Students who launched and retrieved a space probe last year are back in business, but this time they hope to live stream from the stratosphere.

"We'll basically be able to get live information sent back this year," said Finn Hafting who is working on project design. "We're trying to get a live Facebook feed going so that people can log on and see what the balloon is seeing as it's going up."

Hafting is one of 10 Annapolis West Education Centre students working on the Annapolis Royal Space Agency project with physics/art teacher Derrick Smith. They're looking at a mid-May launch date.

"We're getting a bigger balloon this year so we can compensate for having a heavier probe and fitting all of the radio gear inside," said Hafting, adding that he's trying to nail down what brand of APRS tracking device they'll use, the radio camera they'll use, and figure out how to get the analogue signal from the radio to a digital signal that could be uploaded to Facebook. Or it could be Youtube live streaming.

He expects this year's probe will go a bit higher than last

year's 30,000 metres. That's 30 kilometres.

This year the box will be filled with tracking redundancies, Smith said. And this year's project involves training and help from experts. Four students are working with the Annapolis Valley Amateur Radio Club. TC MEDIA

+ COSTS

Abigail Bonnington is one of the students training with the radio club. But she's also filling out grant proposals because the project does have a cost. And other students are working on marketing, crowdsourcing, and publicity.

COURT

Mom can't care for heavy son

A Nova Scotia judge has ruled that a boy who was five years old and weighed 132 pounds when he was taken from his mother will not return to her care, saying living with her was too hazardous to his health.

"It was not just a bit of excess weight or a cosmetic issue ... This was a serious health issue," Judge Robert Gregan said in a written decision released Monday.

Gregan said the boy gained about 18 pounds between October 2014 and May 2015, when he was 132 pounds and was taken into the care of the provincial Community Services department.

The mother, he said, was in "total denial" about the seriousness of her son's health situation.

"(The mother) stated the only reason she was seeing a pediatrician was because (Community Services) was making her do so. She was going to stop taking (the boy) to see (the doctor) because she was not accepting the medical evidence she was hearing."

Gregan noted the boy's pediatrician said he was at risk of seriously harming his liver and other organs.

He said he accepted testimony from a Community Services witness who said the mother misled them about what she was feeding the boy, and how much exercise he was getting.

The judge said the mother was also not administering the child's ADHD medications properly, and would over-medicate if she felt he was out of control.

Dr. Reginald Landry recommended testing him for autism and said it would require "significant resources" to parent the boy.

"The (boy's) ... development, particularly in the social domain, will require more than simply 'adequate' parenting," the decision said, quoting Landry's parental capacity assessment.

"(The boy) will likely benefit from care-giving situations that will support his social development and ensure that he is developing appropriate peer relationships with other children."

Landry also said the mother had cognitive issues estimated to be in the mild range of an intellectual disability.

As well, Gregan said he had a number of concerns about

the mother's living conditions when the child was living there, noting a number of mice infestations in her apartment including a sofa that was a "nest of mice."

Gregan ordered that the boy - who is now seven years old, under 80 pounds and "thriving" - be placed in the permanent care of Community Services.

The decision - first delivered orally Jan. 5 - said the boy's father consented to Community Services' custody of the child without access to seeing him.

Gregan dismissed a claim that the mother had bit the boy on the arm, saying Community Services' record was incomplete and hearsay evidence from the son was unreliable. He accepted the evidence of the mother that she did not bite her son. THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ THE BOY

Judge Robert Gregan noted that a doctor said he was a "wonderful little boy, but very much caught up in his imaginary world."

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Manulife in trouble

FINANCE

Bank fined \$1.2 million by laundering watchdog

It took 10 months of intense media scrutiny and public outrage before Canadians learned Manulife Bank was the mysterious financial institution behind a \$1.2 million fine for money-laundering violations.

The same day Manulife's identity was kept secret, a handful of much smaller companies — facing much smaller fines — were publicly named and shamed by FINTRAC, the country's money-laundering and terrorist funding watchdog. That confusing double standard has now triggered a review of FINTRAC's disclosure policy amid a Torstar/National Observer investigation.

"In exercising my discretion to withhold the name of the bank, I understand that it may not have met public expectations in relation to openness and transparency," wrote Gerald Cossette, FINTRAC director, in a statement.

The carefully-worded statement still makes no reference to the bank at the centre of the controversy — an expression of the agency's uneven transparency model since its birth in 2008.

Over the past eight years, FINTRAC has named 40 companies for violating the law while keeping secret another 55.

As part of the Torstar/National Observer investigation over

the past two months, reporters attempted to identify the bank by surveying all 32 Schedule I banks in Canada, asking them to clearly state whether they were the bank involved.

While almost all the banks responded unequivocally, Manulife wrote last Wednesday: "We do not comment on any matters regarding our regulators, whether they are rumour, speculation or fact."

On Monday, Manulife issued a public statement confirming it was the mystery bank in question.

Over the last three months, Torstar and the National Observer have published exclusive details about the offences behind the fine. Among those findings:

- Manulife failed to report one suspicious transaction to Fintrac — labelled a "very serious" violation — that experts say undermines Canada's system to detect financial crimes and trace dirty money.

- The bank also failed to report 1,174 outgoing international electronic transfers of \$10,000 or more, 45 deposits of \$10,000 or more in cash and four incoming international electronic transfers of \$10,000 or more.

- Fintrac documents obtained by Torstar and the National Observer also show Manulife's fine, which was reduced twice from an initial \$1.8 million, was for five different types of violations of anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing law, involving a failure to report transfers totalling at least \$12.2 million.
- Manulife was also fined for failing to "develop and apply compliance policies and procedures."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



A man wearing an oversized Donald Trump head protests outside the still-under-construction Trump International Hotel and Tower on Wednesday Oct. 5, 2016. DARRYL DICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

VANCOUVER

Trump Organization tweets wrong facts



David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

President Donald Trump's sons may have taken over the reins of his international company following his U.S. election win amidst ongoing concerns about potential conflicts of interest.

But that didn't stop Trump Organization, which the President

still owns but doesn't manage, from apparently inheriting its namesake's appreciation for what have become known as "alternative facts."

On Monday, a day before Trump International Hotel and Tower official opens in Vancouver with the President's sons Donald Jr. and Eric Trump attending, the company issued an outright falsehood on Twitter.

"Tomorrow marks the official grand opening of @TrumpVancouver," the 6:25 a.m. tweet stated. "The 69-story tower will be the first property to open in the city in over 6 yrs."

The inaccuracy of that claim will be obvious to any Vancouverite who has watched construction sites and cranes spring up in almost every corner of the city in recent years, many projects quickly reaching completion

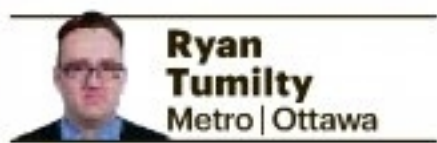
and opening to residents amidst a real estate boom.

The phrase "alternative facts" was coined by Trump spokeswoman Kellyanne Conway in a television interview, when confronted on lies told by her and the White House about the size of Trump's inauguration crowd.

The Georgia Street tower is set to open Tuesday, and already two separate protests have been announced.

#WOMENONBOARDS

Board diversity is a federal duty, NDP says



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

As the NDP calls for tougher rules to create more diversity on Canadian boards, a private think-tank warns that forcing gender parity could do more harm than good.

Windsor NDP MP Brian Masse suggested the govern-

ment go further on its gender diversity bill, C-25, calling for a minimum number of women on the boards of Canadian corporations.

The current version of C-25, introduced by the Liberal government, requires corporations work toward gender diversity and disclose the current make-up of their boards.

Data from 2016 shows about 21.6 per cent of board

seats in Canada are filled by women.

"The world is moving quite quickly on this and Canada is a laggard to begin with," said Masse.

Masse said he believes that, as a starting point, corporations should be required to have at least 30 per cent of their board director seats occupied by women.

"Canada would only join

the ranks of more progressive countries on this."

But Andrea Mrozek, program director with the think tank Cardus, suggested mandatory quotas could actually make things more difficult for women on boards.

"It creates a negative work environment whereby people question how a very qualified woman got into management in the first place," she said.

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Strikes and talks persist

SYRIA

Geneva peace talks continue amid recent violence

Airstrikes on Syria's rebel-held Idlib province killed at least 11 people on Monday, opposition activists said, in the latest spasm of violence to mar UN-brokered talks in Geneva between the government and the opposition.

Separately, there were unconfirmed reports that a top al-Qaeda official was killed in an airstrike, also in Idlib.

Also on Monday, pro-government forces drove Daesh militants out of a line of villages in the congested Turkish frontier region, blocking the path of rival Turkish-backed opposition forces from reaching the de facto Daesh capital, Raqqa, opposition activists said.

The SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors extremist groups, said Abdullah Muhammad Rajab Abdulrah-



Syrian men and Civil Defence volunteers extinguish fire after airstrikes in Douma. GETTY IMAGES

man, the deputy to al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri, may have been killed in a U.S. airstrike on an unmarked sedan on Sunday evening. It cited reports circulating on jihadi social media accounts.

Images of the vehicle purported to have been carry-

ing Abdulrahman, known more widely by his nom de guerre Abu al-Khayr al-Masri, showed damage to the passenger compartment of the beige Kia sedan but no damage to the engine block. The roof was blown open on the right side of the vehicle.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that a top al-Qaeda official was killed in a drone strike, but could not confirm it was al-Masri.

Al-Masri was a close associate of Osama bin Laden and was once the chairman of al-

Qaida's management council, according to a Washington Post report.

A senior official in a rival jihadi faction in northern Syria urged caution over the reports, saying other top al-Qaeda officials in Syria had staged their own deaths only to defect from the group.

Government forces and allied Hezbollah fighters meanwhile cut an arc through Daesh-held territory to reach independent, Kurdish-led forces near the Euphrates River, effectively preventing Turkish-backed Syrian opposition forces from heading south toward Raqqa.

"The Syrian regime claims it is fighting terrorism but it is not. It cut the path for the Free Syrian Army factions to reach Raqqa," said Col. Abu Firas, a spokesman for the Free Syrian Army, a loose alliance of mainstream rebels.

He spoke after an opposition delegation met Monday with UN mediator Staffan de Mistura to continue talks aimed at resolving Syria's six-year-old war.

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U.S. POLITICS

Tensions with North Korea

U.S. officials huddled Monday with key Asian powers to discuss tensions with North Korea, which have been stoked by a recent missile test and an airport killing officials believe was ordered by Pyongyang.

North Korea's rapid progress toward acquiring a nuclear-tipped missile that could strike the U.S. mainland poses one of the sternest national security challenges for President Donald Trump, whose administration is currently conducting a policy review on how to deal with the communist government.

On Monday, U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Policy Joseph Yun huddled at the State Department with his Japanese and South Korean counterparts, Kenji Kanasugi and Kim Hong-kyun in an effort to get its main allies in Asia to co-operate more closely on security.

Tensions could be set to rise in March when the U.S. begins annual military exercises with South Korea which could cause warlike rhetoric from North Korea.

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POLITICS

Trump refocusing presidency

President Donald Trump's first address to Congress gives him a welcome opportunity to refocus his young administration on the core economic issues that helped him get elected — and, his allies hope, to move beyond the distractions and self-inflicted wounds that have roiled his White House.

Trump's advisers say he will use his prime-time speech Tuesday to declare early progress on his campaign promises, including kick-starting construction of his proposed southern border wall, and to map a path ahead on thorny legislative priorities, including health care and infrastructure spending.

"We spend billions in the Middle East, but we have potholes all over the country," Trump said Monday as he previewed the address during a meeting with the nation's governors. "We're going to start spending on infrastructure big."

Republicans, impatient to begin making headway on an ambitious legislative agenda, hope Trump arrives on Capitol Hill armed with specifics on replacing the "Obamacare" health law and overhauling the nation's tax system, two issues he's so far talked about in mostly general terms.

More broadly, some Republicans are anxious for the president to set aside his feuds with the media, the intelligence community and the courts, which have overshadowed the party's policy priorities.

The pressure from Republican lawmakers makes this a critical moment for a new president who ran for office on a pledge to swiftly shake up Washington and follow through on the failed promises of career politicians.

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'Nobody from Hollywood' flying around the moon

SPACE

One giant leap for tourism in 2018, SpaceX promises

SpaceX said Monday it will fly two people to the moon next year, a feat not attempted since NASA's Apollo heyday close to half a century ago.

Tech billionaire Elon Musk — the company's founder and chief executive officer — announced the surprising news barely a week after launching his first rocket from NASA's legendary moon pad.

Two people who know one

another approached the company about sending them on a weeklong flight just beyond the moon, according to Musk. He won't identify the pair or the price tag. They've already paid a "significant" deposit and are "very serious" about it, he noted.

"Fly me to the moon ... Ok," Musk said in a light-hearted tweet following the news conference.

Musk said SpaceX is on track to launch astronauts to the International Space Station for NASA in mid-2018. This moon mission would follow about six months later, by the end of the year under the current schedule, using a Dragon crew capsule and a Falcon heavy



Elon Musk THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

rocket launched from NASA's former moon pad in Florida.

If all goes as planned, it could happen close to the 50th anniversary of NASA's first manned flight to the moon, on Apollo 8.

The SpaceX moonshot is designed to be autonomous —

unless something goes wrong, Musk said.

"I think they are entering this with their eyes open, knowing that there is some risk here," Musk told reporters in the telephone conference, a day after teasing via Twitter that an announcement of some sort was forthcoming.

Musk said he does not have permission to release the passengers' names, and he was hesitant to even say if they were men, women or even pilots. He would only admit, "It's nobody from Hollywood."

The paying passengers would make a long loop around the moon, skimming the lunar surface and then going well beyond, perhaps 300,000 or

400,000 miles distance altogether. It's about 240,000 miles to the moon alone, one way.

The mission would not involve a lunar landing.

"This should be a really exciting mission that hopefully gets the world really excited about sending people into deep space again," Musk said.

NASA will have first dibs on a similar mission if it so chooses, he said. The space agency learned of his plan at the same time as reporters.

In a statement, NASA commended SpaceX "for reaching higher."

In all, 24 astronauts flew to the moon and 12 walked its surface from 1969 to 1972.

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SpaceX's Dragon capsule sits aboard a ship on Feb. 10, 2015 in the Pacific Ocean west of Mexico's Baja Peninsula after returning from the International Space Station, carrying about 3,700 lbs of cargo for NASA. SPACEX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CRIME

Germany sees 'alarmingly high' number of anti-migrant crimes

Migrants and their homes in Germany faced more than 3,500 attacks in 2016, a number that is "alarmingly high and cause for concern," a German official said Monday, while adding that the crimes are being aggressively prosecuted and the numbers of such attacks are now falling.

Most of the attacks were crimes like vandalism to asylum-seeker homes — including far-right graffiti, threats and slander — but the report also included more serious attacks like arson, bodily harm and attempted murder. It was compiled by the Interior Ministry with in-

formation from Germany's 16 states in response to a question in Parliament by the Left party.

"There was a very wide spectrum of crimes ... every one is to be condemned," said Interior Ministry spokesman Johannes Dimroth.

The attacks led to 560 people being injured, including 43 children. Overall, 2,343 suspects were identified and investigated, according to the new report.

Comparison figures for previous years haven't been compiled but Dimroth said after 2016 the "trend is downward ... which gives us a little bit of hope."

Germany took in 890,000 asylum-seekers in 2015, and the influx caused a backlash and a rise in anti-immigrant sentiment, which was most pronounced in eastern parts of the country.

The government has invested more resources into fighting xenophobic crimes, but the new figures show more needs to be done, said Gauri van Gulik, deputy Europe director of Amnesty International.

"We need to see better risk assessments, more protection at certain locations, thorough investigations and prosecutions of these appalling racist attacks

to stop them in the future," van Gulik said.

Dimroth said, in addition to government policies and police enforcement, it's up to society in general to fight racism, saying it's impossible to just "ban" extremism.

The number of asylum-seekers in Germany tapered off to 280,000 in 2016. With the decrease, and more intensive government efforts to rapidly send home those whose applications are rejected, anti-immigrant sentiment has tapered off somewhat.

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Women from Afghanistan, who preferred not to show their faces to the camera, attend a class offering literacy and basic computer knowledge in Berlin, Germany. GETTY IMAGES

Ikea testing virtual reality

TECHNOLOGY

Simulator puts furniture into consumers' own homes

Ikea Canada is jumping into the virtual reality ring with the launch on Tuesday of a simulator at its Etobicoke location in Toronto that will allow customers to see themselves moving inside a version of their own, newly renovated Ikea kitchen.

"We know that virtual reality isn't widely available yet, but we know it's coming fast," said Rob Kelly, head of sales, Ikea Canada.

The technology is used in video games but is heading into new applications, including allowing people to see how a piece of furniture would look in their own home using their mobile phone.

The Etobicoke store pilot is the only one in Canada, although the concept is being tested in other markets, including a store in Belgium, one in Sweden and a booth at an order-and-pick-up location, also



Cesar Varela, kitchen and dining manager at an Ikea store in Toronto, poses with the Virtual Reality Pancake Kitchen display. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

in Sweden.

The testing will run until May 21, at which time Ikea Canada will assess the findings and the potential for the technology.

"This is an exploration journey for us," said Kelly. "It's exciting, it's fun to do, but at the

end of the day, what we're really interested in hearing about from customers is, does it really help?"

Lowe's was the first retailer to test a holeroom in Canada, in late 2014, according to Kyle Nel, executive director, Lowe's

Innovation Labs.

"We coined the phrase holeroom," said Nel.

Since then, the technology has shrunk and customers with a Google Tango smartphone, equipped with 3D depth sensors, can take advantage of

virtual and augmented reality with their phones, instead of using goggles and hand-held controllers.

"The ambition was never to have these giant, cumbersome boxes as part of the store, the goal was to learn how people use virtual reality and augmented reality in a real way inside of a working home improvement store," said Nel.

The virtual reality kitchen at Ikea offers two different experiences: One invites customers to try cooking pancakes in virtual reality to gain an understanding of work flow in a kitchen and how it can be optimized.

The second is for customers who have already been through the kitchen-planning process at Ikea and want to bring the design to life, allowing them to move in virtual reality through their plans, for example, opening cupboards, to see how everything works together.

"Will that give the consumer even more confidence that they are making the right decision? Right now it's about learning for us and it's seeing how the technology can support the business going forward," said Kelly. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

LOYALTY CARDS

Rewards losing allure

The value of customer loyalty programs is under increased scrutiny by companies and users in the wake of Air Miles' recent reversal of an expiration policy.

The operator of the shopper reward program, LoyaltyOne, angered many members last year with its proposal to void unused Air Miles after five years, only to abandon that plan weeks before it was to take effect.

Last month, supermarket chain Metro said it was considering dropping Air Miles and launching its own loyalty program in its Ontario grocery stores following the backlash.

The Air Miles misstep doesn't help foster consumer trust and is a "cautionary tale" for other providers, said Sean Claessen, executive vice-president of strategy for marketing agency Bond Brand Loyalty.

It takes trouble with just one loyalty card to test the public's patience with rewards programs, added John Boynton, chief marketing officer of Aeroplan operator Aimia.

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TRADE

Fort McMurray families to get cash for hiked drywall duties

Canada will slash anti-dumping duties on U.S. drywall imports after a trade panel ruled that maintaining levies imposed last fall would harm consumers and businesses, federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau announced Monday.

At the same time, some of the roughly \$12 million collected since the duties were imposed in September will go toward a compensation package for residents of Fort McMurray forced to rebuild their homes after wildfires tore through

the community, Morneau said after he visited a residential neighbourhood in the northern Alberta city.

Morneau said the program will deliver about \$300 to an average Fort McMurray family whose home replacement project was affected by higher drywall prices because of the tariffs. He said the money is expected to be available before year-end.

Some of the funds will also go to builders and contractors in Western Canada who had



People can have a good sense of what the cost implications are.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau

to absorb unexpected higher costs to complete fixed price jobs they had already been contracted to do, Morneau said.

The duties imposed last fall were in response to a dumping complaint by French-owned CertainTeed Gypsum Canada, the last drywall (or gypsum board) manufacturer in West-

ern Canada with plants in Vancouver, Calgary and Winnipeg, and at two gypsum quarries in B.C. and Manitoba.

The Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) ruled last month that, while U.S. firms had dumped drywall in Canada at discounted prices over the past few years, maintaining dut-

ies would not be in the country's trade interests.

The tribunal recommended ending preliminary duties of up to 276 per cent imposed by the Canada Border Services Agency, and instead charging permanent variable duties on any imports that fall below a set floor price.

The government on Monday said it would lower minimum import prices by just over 32 per cent, an approach that is expected to result in the same level of duty reduction as rec-

ommended by the CITT.

"The approach we did, by creating a minimum imported price, quickly deals with the issue so that people can move on with the home-building decision in the case of home builders or with the buying decision and have a good sense of what the cost implications are," said Morneau. He said the CITT's recommendation to suspend tariffs for six months was rejected in favour of more quickly establishing price certainty.

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PENNY COLLENETTE ON SANCTUARY CITIES



We must 'mind the gap' between the vision and the reality of sanctuaries

The world has a massive problem on its hands. The numbers of displaced people fleeing persecution, conflict and genocide are staggering. The UN Refugee Agency estimates "an unprecedented 65.3 million people around the world have been forced from home. Among them are nearly 21.3 million refugees. There are also 10 million stateless people who have been denied a nationality and access to basic rights."

Where can these asylum seekers find safety in an increasingly unsafe world?

Initially, we assumed that sheltered refuge would be found in North America. To that end, Canada signed the Safe Third Country Agreement in 2002 with the U.S., requiring refugee claimants (with some exceptions) request protection in the first country in which they arrive, not both.

What could go wrong? Both countries were deemed to "respect human rights and offer a high degree of protection for asylum seekers."

But increasingly, the assumption the U.S. is a safe harbour is at risk. Donald Trump has exacerbated the global situation with rumours of accelerated deportations along with threats to cut federal funding to approximately 400 American cities and counties that provide sanctuary to illegal immigrants, potentially amounting to \$2.27 billion in cuts for the nation's 10 largest cities.

Given this intimidating culture, it is no wonder undocumented refugees in the United States are understand-



Giving shelter Clear laws and co-ordinated leadership needed, writes Penny Collette. AP

ably nervous and are now looking north to our country for sanctuary. Canadian cities are beginning to respond with designations of "sanctuary cities" and with requests for more resources.

Whether the numbers crossing the undefended portions of our joint border are a trickle or a flood remain to be seen. Competing visions of the future are colliding in our consciousness, in part because of politics and in part because of real confusion. The government, which is dealing with an unprecedented situation, is taking time to assess the severity of the situation.

But are city services enough? The Mayor of Fredericton recently noted that because provinces have responsibility for education and health, it may be more appropriate for New Brunswick to

be designated as a sanctuary province. Similarly, a project at the Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement in Toronto is studying the idea of provincial sanctuary as it researches the availability of labour markets for illegal migrants while examining municipal programs that could be "scaled" up to the provincial level.

However, before we leap to a higher sanctuary level, we must "mind the gap" between the vision and the reality of sanctuaries. For example, police forces are in a Catch-22 position as they are expected to serve everyone without question as to their papers. However, if they are aware of any illegal immigration information, they are required by law to report it to Canada Border Services. Which direction takes precedence?

Secondly, affordable housing remains a pressing issue for many cities, not to mention the challenge of homelessness. Can we build new units? If so, how quickly and which level of government provides the funds?

Successful sanctuaries, whether at the municipal or provincial level will require clarity of laws, as well as co-ordinated leadership among officials at all levels. To avoid arguments, and possible confrontations, citizens, too, must receive good communication and education. None of this is easy. Patience, rather than heated rhetoric, will be a virtue.

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Mandatory helmets no hardheaded law

HALIFAX MATTERS

Tristan Cleveland



One of the coolest things happening in cities right now can't come to Halifax because of one stupid law.

That cool thing is bike share. In Montreal, Toronto and over 1,000 cities around the world, you can enjoy the freedom of having bikes waiting for you at stations throughout the city core.

We can't have bike share, though, because we require all cyclists to wear a helmet. It's extra frustrating because helmet laws don't make people safer.

Some experts will scoff at this statement. It's certainly true that if a car hits you, a helmet will reduce the likelihood of severe injury or death, and requiring helmets does make children safer. If helmets help in collisions, it seems intuitive that requiring adults to wear them will mean fewer people get hurt.

But the evidence says the intuition is wrong. According to the British Medical Journal, the rate of head injuries for adult cyclists is not lower in places that require helmets.

To understand why, consider hard hats. Requiring them on construction sites is a good idea, but making people wear them everywhere wouldn't accomplish much at all.

In the same way, there are only certain contexts in which biking is dangerous enough to warrant a helmet, and that's when people tend to wear them anyways, law or no law. If you're long-distance biking on a high-speed road, you should wear a helmet.

In contrast, cycling on slow

urban streets is nowhere near as dangerous as people think. New Yorkers have biked 123 million kilometers on bike shares — without helmets nine tenths of the time — and not a single one has died. According to the University of British Columbia, the proportion of cyclists who die on a given trip is about the same as pedestrians. Biking is safe.

Actually, by discouraging people from biking, the helmet law likely hurts people. The fewer people who bike, the more dangerous it is to bike, because drivers pay less attention. Inactivity increases risk for at least five of the 10 leading causes of death in Canada and now costs our health system even more than smoking.

We only require helmets because of prejudice that biking is more dangerous than it is. The law prevents real progress towards safety in numbers, discourages healthy living and makes bike share impractical. That's why only a tiny minority of places in the world require them.

Tel Aviv and Mexico recently repealed their helmet law to make bike share possible. It's time we do the same.

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A world leader in bicycle infrastructure, Andreas Røhl is speaking Thursday at 6 p.m. at Casino Nova Scotia. He helped make biking in Copenhagen so normal, it's like "brushing your teeth" — no helmets necessary.

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Anatomy of a mumps outbreak

An immunization expert explains why there are still mumps outbreaks despite Canada's national vaccine program

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A recent spate of mumps outbreaks in Canada has health experts reminding people about the importance of vaccines.

Mumps is a virus that causes the easily recognizable swelling of salivary glands. Most people recover within seven to 10 days but in rare cases people can develop complications, including deafness and meningitis, according to Health Canada.

Parents in Canada are advised to have their children receive two doses of the MMR vaccine – it protects people against the measles, mumps, and rubella.

Health authorities say it is normal to see a handful of mumps cases in provinces every year but outbreaks still occur because the disease is highly contagious and because Canada has not achieved herd immunity.

Unlike the measles, where an outbreak only occurs when a traveller brings it into the country, the mumps virus still exists in Canada, said Dr. Monika Naus, the director of immunization and vaccine preventable disease at the B.C. Centre for Disease Control.

A 2007 Health Canada pilot program found about 83 to 87 per cent of two-year-olds in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba were up to date with their mumps vaccines.

Everyone in the country would have to get two doses of the mumps vaccine in

CANUCK CASES

Sport teams are especially susceptible to mumps outbreaks and five players in the Vancouver Canucks sat out of Saturday's game due to the virus, according to the team

IN ALBERTA

Four people in Edmonton's University of Alberta tested positive for mumps, while Calgary has seen three confirmed cases

HIGHEST IN CANADA

Manitoba has seen 176 confirmed cases between last Sept. 1 and now, most of them at Winnipeg universities

ONE IN THE CAPITOL

There is one confirmed case in Ottawa

MEASLES, TOO

There are three confirmed cases of mumps in Halifax, but the city has also seen seven cases of measles

T.O. BAR SCENE

Toronto public health authorities confirmed 17 cases of mumps that likely stemmed from 10 bars in the city's West End last week

HOW THE VIRUS SPREADS

Mumps is a highly contagious disease spread by saliva or mucus.

- Usually mumps is spread directly from person to person. When someone with mumps shouts at a bar, people around that person are likely to get infected by the flying spit if they haven't been vaccinated
- Kissing is a big culprit for the spread of mumps
- People can also spread mumps by sharing utensils and drinking glasses
- But the MMR vaccine is available free nationwide

order to achieve herd immunity, where the general population is protected against mumps. Without herd immunity, outbreaks can still occur, she said.

We asked Dr. Naus important questions about the mumps vaccine:

How can I check to see whether I have been vaccinated?

The best way is to check your immunization record. If people remember where they got their vaccinations, that health provider should provide a record.

How many vaccine doses did I get?

A second dose of mumps vaccine in 1996 was introduced at 16 months of age. For individuals from about 23 to 47 years of age, most of them will only have had a single dose of mumps vaccine.

What if I'm an immigrant who did not grow up in Canada?

If you immigrated from outside of Western Europe and North America, then there is an excellent chance that you weren't vaccinated against mumps. Mumps vaccines are not used in most

of the developing world. For individuals like that, we recommend getting a mumps vaccine.

How effective is the mumps vaccine?

After one dose, about 80 per cent of people will be immune. After two doses, just over 90 per cent of people will have immunity. Everyone would have to get two doses in order to achieve herd immunity.

Is it possible to check whether I am immune to mumps?

For many vaccinations, an antibody level can be checked and if it is above a certain level, we can determine immunity. For mumps, we don't have that kind of certainty. So there's no point checking the antibody after the vaccine.

Does it hurt to get another mumps vaccine if I'm not sure whether I need a booster shot or not?

No it doesn't. If you're already immune, it won't do anything. It might boost your immunity.

This interview has been edited and condensed for brevity.

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HEALTH

Doctors c'an do more to help young people quit smoking'

Primary-care doctors need to take a more active role in preventing young Canadians from starting smoking and helping those who have already taken up the habit to butt out for good, says a group of experts that develops clinical practice guidelines.

That recommendation is at the heart of the first-ever guidance on smoking in children and youth aged five to 18, developed by the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care.

"Rates of smoking have decreased over the last couple of decades, but they seem to have plateaued and they're still much too high," said Dr. Brett Thombs, chairman of the four-member tobacco working group within the task force, which penned the guidelines released Monday.

"And among Canadian youth, by the time children and adolescents are in 12th grade, 36 per cent have tried smoking," said Thombs, a professor in the faculty of medicine at McGill University in Montreal. "And that's simply



Almost 90 per cent of adult smokers started before they were 18. CANADIAN PRESS

way too high given the massive burden of smoking on health (and) on our economy."

The guideline document, published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, cites data showing that 18 per cent of youth in Grades 6 to 12 have tried cigarettes.

"We know that people who start smoking as children and youth are much less likely to quit later on," said Thombs, noting that although the adverse health effects may primarily show up later in life,

they are accrued over a lifetime of tobacco use.

Smokers are at risk for lung, throat, pancreatic and bladder cancers, as well as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and cardiovascular disease that can lead to a heart attack or stroke.

"If we can stop (them smoking) during childhood and adolescence, there's a much better chance that they won't even get into that period of high risk," he said.

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Nickelback, Justin Bieber and Lady Gaga topped a poll of musical turnoffs conducted by Tastebuds.fm in 2011. GETTY IMAGES

RELATIONSHIPS

Being in sync on preferred playlists is not the key to love

On Katie Nestor's first date with Gareth Williams, she gushed about the bands she'd see perform at the WayHome music festival just north of Toronto that weekend. Williams stared at her blankly.

"I was like, 'Who is this guy who doesn't know WayHome?'" Nestor laughed, recalling how a few dates later, she learned for the first time that Williams had no songs on his phone and was indifferent to music. "I was like, 'Oh god, this guy is a loser'."

Yet, a year and a half later, they're still going strong.

Dating apps have started capitalizing on musical connections. Last year, Tinder partnered with Spotify to allow users to post their favourite artists and their own "anthem" on profiles, and dating app Happn allows users to post songs on profiles and send music to other users. Tastebuds.fm and Mix'd are apps specifically for music lovers looking to connect with fellow music lovers.

But does being in sync in musical taste translate to being in tune as a couple?

Relationship and musicology

experts say that while liking the same music can create an initial spark between daters, it's not necessary for maintaining a happy relationship. The deal-breakers are when one person can't accept the other's different taste, or when they try to force their musical taste on another person — both cases usually signs of bigger problems, they say.

"Quite often at the beginning of relationships, couples are often looking for things they might have in common," said Kip Pegley, associate professor of musicology at Queen's University. "If you share certain similarities in music ... that can also speak to a shared history. 'Oh, you were at that concert? I love them too'."

For some singles, musical taste matters big time. Nickelback, Justin Bieber and Lady Gaga topped a poll of musical turnoffs conducted by Tastebuds.fm in 2011.

Pegley compares reading someone by their music collection to reading them by their book collection; it can give insight into what their other interests are.

But there's still hope for couples like Nestor and Williams, who have a love connection but no musical one, relationship experts say.

"It's perfectly OK to be on different pages about music," said Natasha Sharma, a Toronto-based therapist and author of *The Kindness Journal*.



The songs are catchy. Plus, when you sing, you butcher it and it makes me laugh.

Gareth Williams eventually found common ground with music-loving girlfriend Katie Nestor — it's the *Frozen* soundtrack

CONNECTION

When it comes to liking the same music, there are scientific reasons why it may help you bond:

"We know from some brain studies that music can bring up autobiographical memories ... memories for events that have happened to you," said Laurel Trainor, a professor of cognitive neuroscience and director of McMaster University's Institute for Music and the Mind. "For example, the first date you went on, you might remember the music that the band played."

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Sharma said music can be lumped in as a "surface" interest with things such as taste in movies and food. It's more important to agree on big-picture stuff such as goals, values and outlooks on life, she said.

It's only when one person disparages the other's taste or when one tries to force music on the other that Sharma sees red flags.

"Any time you push anything on a partner, it's not good — whether it's music or marriage," she said. "The problem is, the person who is forcing it down their partner's proverbial throat isn't respecting them."

But if one person doesn't initially like the other's music, they shouldn't give up trying, she said. Showing an interest in your partner's interests — be they music or sci-fi movies — lets them know you care. Completely shutting down someone's music can be particularly hurtful since it's so personal, she said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Writer/director Barry Jenkins, producer Adele Romanski, producer Jeremy Kleiner and cast members accept the best picture Oscar for Moonlight. GETTY IMAGES

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

This late transfer was transcendent

THE SHOW: The Academy Awards (CTV/ABC)
THE MOMENT: The epic fail at the final moment

Best picture presenter Warren Beatty opens the envelope. He reads the card. He squints. He looks in the envelope for another card.

He looks at his co-presenter, Faye Dunaway. He says, "And the Academy Award," and stops, looking off stage. "You're awful," Dunaway says. He holds the card out to her. She only glances at it. "La La Land," she says.

The music plays, the La La team hugs. Producer Jordan Horowitz makes his speech. As fellow producer Marc Platt makes his, people in headsets dart around in the background. Faces fall.

Horowitz charges the mic. "I'm sorry, no, there's a mistake," he says. "Moonlight, you guys won best picture." Gasps from the audience. "This is not

a joke." He holds up the card. "Moonlight. Best picture."

Hubbub. "Warren," host Jimmy Kimmel wails, "what did you do?"

We know what Beatty should have done: "I'm sorry, I seem to have the wrong envelope." Instead, he gave us a metaphor so literal, if it was a movie you'd throw popcorn at the screen.

The walking embodiment of old Hollywood and white privilege, frozen in bewilderment, allows a cadre of white males to think they've won for a lighthearted confection about cute white dreamers in LA.

And then we all watch as they physically transfer the statuette to a female producer and a black director for their intimate movie about a black gay man.

"I'm going to be really proud to hand this to my friends from Moonlight," Horowitz said gracefully.

WOES KEEP COMING

RIP?

Australian producer Jan Chapman insisted she is very much alive after her face was displayed during the In Memoriam segment, intended to honour her friend Janet Patterson.

32.9M

The 32.9 million viewers tuning into Sunday's awards was the second-lowest rating of all time.

Speaking for humankind? We can only dream.

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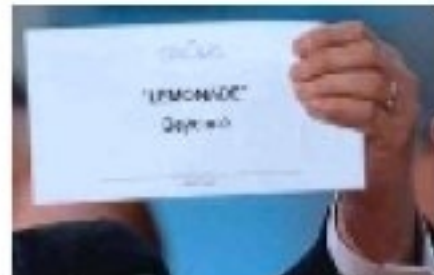
HUMOUR

The award for best meme goes to...

The best picture Oscar blunder prompted snickering from Ryan Gosling and a cascade of politically tinged jokes on Twitter, with some even declaring Hillary Clinton the winner.

Billy Crystal tweeted: "Amazing ending. Wish that had happened on Election Day." Seth MacFarlane chimed in: "You know what the problem is — millions of Academy members voted illegally."

The sarcasm started after La La Land was wrongly announced as the best picture winner. The actual winner was



On the Internet, Beyoncé won big. TWITTER/@THISJENLEWIS

Moonlight, drawing a giggle from Gosling, who was on stage with the La La Land cast when the real winner was announced.

Memes using the Oscar winner envelope held up by La La

Land producer Jordan Horowitz were edited to instead show titles of films that have garnered little attention from the Academy, including Ernest Goes to Camp and Space Jam.

One of the most popular took a dig at another hotly contested award — when Adele saw off Beyoncé's Lemonade for record of the year at the Grammys.

Other memes showed the popular vote totals for the recent U.S. presidential election, with Clinton tallying more ballots than President Donald Trump. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANATOMY OF DISASTER

How Oscars were enveloped by chaos

The question on everyone's lips in the immediate aftermath of the stunning final twist to Sunday's Oscars was simply 'how?'

Here's a look at the processes and how the Academy Awards' winners envelopes are handled before being opened live onstage:

The consulting firm PwC, formerly Price Waterhouse Coopers, tabulates the winners based on ballots cast by the academy's 6,687 voting members. Unlike the nominations, which rely on a branch-specific, preferential-voting system, winners are chosen by popular vote.

Two accountants are tasked with bringing the final results, inside sealed envelopes, to the Oscars ceremony. They are the people carrying briefcases on the red carpet, flanked by police protection. Each briefcase contains an identical set of envelopes for the show's 24 categories. The accountants also memorize the winners.

The two accountants are

ostensibly the only people who know the winners before they are announced live on TV.

During the telecast, the two briefcase-toting accountants are stationed in the Dolby Theatre wings, one stage left and one stage right.

Most presenters enter stage right. They come backstage a few minutes ahead of time, and the accountant hands them their category's envelope just before they walk onstage. The sealed envelope with the winner's name inside is opened live onstage.

On Sunday, Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway entered stage right, where PwC representative Brian Cullinan handed them the errant envelope.

The previous award, best actress, was presented by Leonardo DiCaprio, who entered stage left. PwC representative Martha Ruiz handed him the envelope for the correct category.

A duplicate, unopened envel-



A curious tale of two envelopes: Emma Stone holds one best actress card (above) but Warren Beatty was handed another (below). GETTY IMAGES



ope for best actress remained stage right, and apparently ended up in the hands of Beatty and Dunaway before they took to the stage.

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Free agent guard Deron Williams has signed with the Cavaliers, giving the NBA champions another playmaker to help defend their title



Lowry eyes playoff return

NBA

All-star guard to undergo surgery on ailing wrist

Kyle Lowry thought he'd play through some discomfort because that's what he usually does.

This time was different, however; this time things weren't getting much better. One day would be good, one day would be not so good and now he's destined to go under a surgeon's knife to clean out some little particles floating around his right wrist.

The news came as a bit of a surprise, especially after the Raptors had suggested Sunday that he was on the path to coming back but that's the vagary of the injury: some days are better than others.

"I thought some local treatment would help it, it just wasn't getting any better," Lowry said of the wrist that's been bugging him since before the NBA all-star break. "We got some stuff done in Toronto and now we all came to New York and got a second opinion."

"You guys know, I don't say when I'm hurt. I go out there and play, I do my job. If I can't do my job, then I say something. I had to get it loosened up before and worked on before but I didn't know what the extent was (this time)."

The extent was far worse than some imagine. A visit to the same New York doctor who reset



Kyle Lowry's right wrist has been bugging him since before the all-star break. EZRA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES

a broken left wrist 11 years ago yielded enough information that Lowry decided to have an operation Tuesday morning.

When Lowry is able to return is impossible to know and anyone suggesting Monday they could pick a date is guessing.

It will depend on what the doctors find during the surgery, how quickly he is able to begin serious rehabilitation and, eventually, getting back to game speed.

The Raptors have 23 games left in the regular season that ends April 12 with the playoffs beginning three or four days

22.8
Lowry's scoring average this season, to go along with 6.9 assists per game.

later. "It's a timetable but we still have to do the rehab, do the process, we have to get the surgery done and then we'll go from there," he said before the Raptors faced the New York Knicks on Monday. "For me, it's a process of tak-

ing it day by day. (Tuesday) is Day 1 and then working extremely hard to get my body, my mind, my wrist back to 100 per cent so I can help my teammates out."

Coach Dwane Casey is, of course, hoping for the best while confident in the point guard duo of Cory Joseph and Delon Wright.

"He decided to have it done now to hopefully have some time before the playoffs to get some games in," Casey said. "He's going to be back when he comes back but we hope that he heals and gets back with us for a few games before the playoffs."

"I'm going to still be on the bench, I'm going to do as much as I can."

NHL

Sens add grizzled veteran via trade

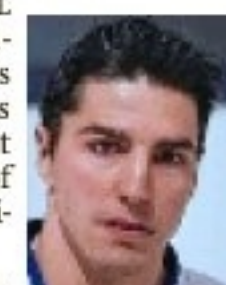
The Ottawa Senators are gearing up for a post-season push, acquiring veteran forward Alexandre Burrows from the Vancouver Canucks in exchange for prospect Jonathan Dahlen on Monday.

The deal was announced about 46 hours before Wednesday's NHL trade deadline and gives the Senators a skilled pest with plenty of playoff experience.

Burrows, who turns 36 in April, played 822 regular-season games with the Canucks, posting 193 goals, 191 assists and 1,066 penalty minutes.

The undrafted free agent who fought his way from the third-tier ECHL to eventually star on Vancouver's top line added 19 goals and 15 assists in 70 playoff games.

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Alexandre Burrows
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PREMIER LEAGUE

Foxes fine in start to life without Ranieri

Leicester began life without manager Claudio Ranieri by easing its English Premier League relegation fears after a stirring 3-1 home victory over Liverpool on Monday.

In its first game since Ranieri was sacked last Thursday, Jamie Vardy scored twice for last season's struggling champion.

Danny Drinkwater also netted with a superb long-range strike. It helped propel Leicester out of the relegation places and up to 15th, two points above the drop



Jamie Vardy GETTY IMAGES

zone with 12 games remaining. Liverpool remained in fifth place but has only one league win this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLUE JAYS

Stroman tosses two flawless innings in loss
Blue Jays right-hander Marcus Stroman threw two perfect innings in his spring training debut but Toronto still lost its fourth straight exhibition game, 2-1 to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Stroman struck out three of the six batters he faced and Jose Bautista drove in the lone run for Toronto (0-4), which is still looking for its first win on its Grapefruit League schedule. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL AWARDS

Forsberg nets No. 1 star with 8-goal week

Filip Forsberg scored a career-high 33 goals last season, but after 27 games this year the Nashville winger had scored just twice.

He has scored 22 goals since, the most of any player in hockey over that span. The 22-year-old has been red hot of late, scoring back-to-back hat tricks last week before adding a goal in each of the two games that followed.

On Monday, Forsberg, Chicago's Jonathan Toews and Calgary's Johnny Gaudreau were named stars of the week.

Forsberg had eight goals and 10 points in four games. The second star, Toews, had four goals and five assists in three Chicago wins and Gaudreau recorded eight points (2 G, 6 A) in four Calgary's road wins.

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Filip Forsberg
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MONDAY MOVES
TORONTO-TAMPA BAY
TO LEAFS: BRIAN BOYLE

TO LIGHTNING: BYRON FROESE, CONDITIONAL 2ND-ROUND PICK (2017)

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TO CANADIENS: JORDIE BENN

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Spicy Fish Tacos with Glazed Sweet Potato



PHOTO: MAYA VISNVEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Taco Tuesday just got an upgrade.

Ready in 40 minutes

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 4 - 6 Mahi-Mahi or Halibut fillets
 - 1 tsp ground cumin
 - 1/2 tsp ground chili powder
 - 1/2 tsp ground oregano
 - 1/2 tsp garlic powder
 - 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 1 small sweet potato, diced into 1/2 inch cubes
 - 2 tsp maple syrup
 - salt
 - 1 tsp butter
- Fixings:**
- corn or whole wheat tortillas
 - cole slaw
 - 1 container of fresh salsa
 - chopped fresh cilantro
 - sour cream
 - guacamole

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425F and grease a large baking sheet. Combine the cumin, chili powder, oregano, garlic powder, cinnamon and salt in a small bowl and mix with a fork to combine. Sprinkle over fish and rub spice mix evenly across the fillets.
2. Place on prepared sheet and bake in the oven for 12 to 15 minutes, or until fish flakes with a fork.
3. Place mahi-mahi on a platter and pull fillets apart with a fork. Meanwhile, toss the sweet potato with the maple syrup and sprinkle with salt.
4. In a skillet over medium-low heat, add the butter and then sauté the sweet potato for about 10 minutes, or until potato is tender.
5. Remove the sweet potato from the skillet, place it in a bowl, and set aside. Serve fish and sweet potato alongside other fixings.

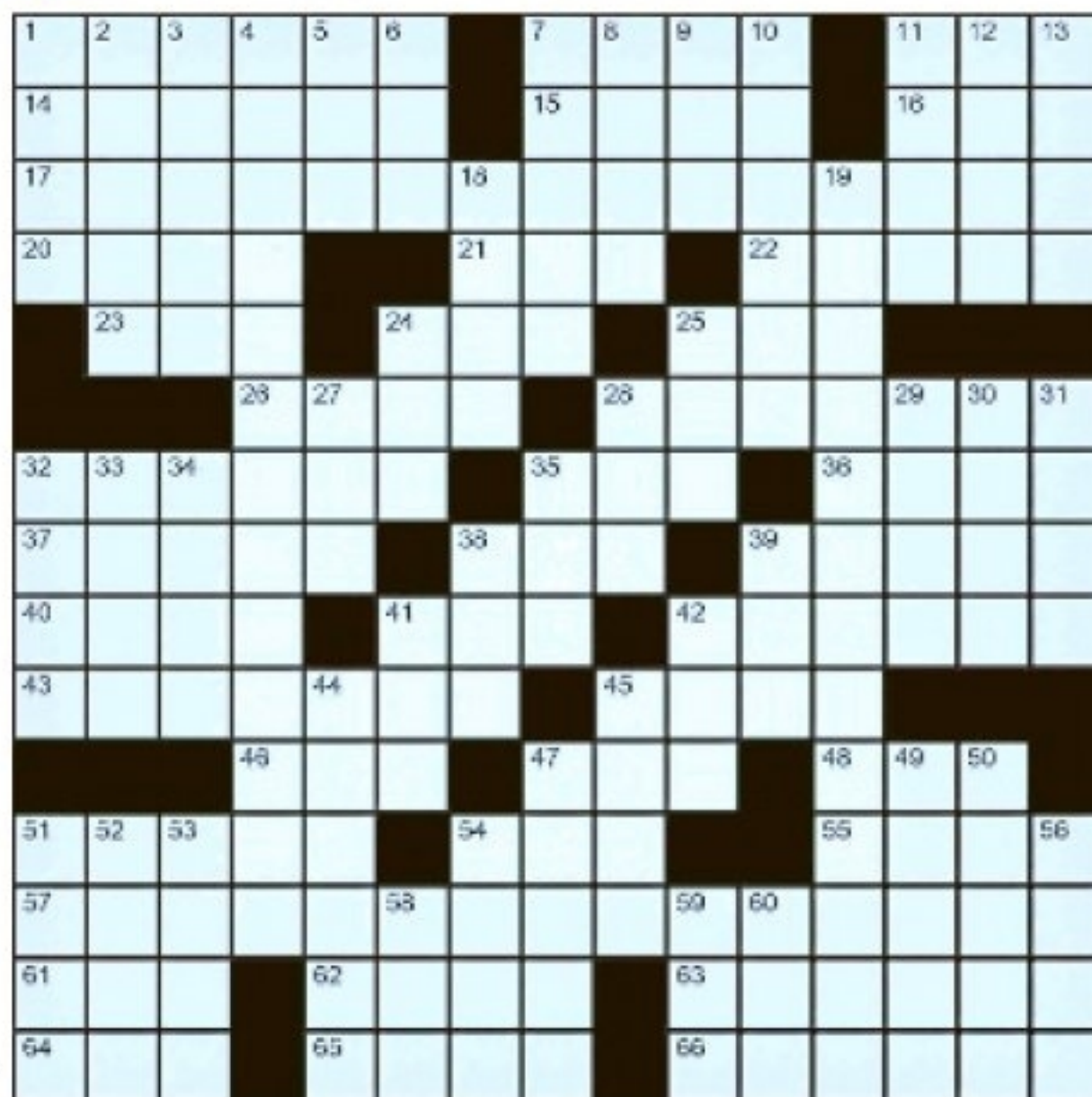
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Tuesday (Day before Lent starts)
7. Parrot
11. Fergie's bandmate, __de.ap
14. Garlic sauces
15. Tart
16. Mauna __ (Hawaiian volcano)
17. Dairy or wheat, to some eaters: 2 wds.
20. Desire Under the __ (Eugene O'Neill play)
21. Clod
22. Lollobrigida and Gershon
23. Summer hrs. in Toronto
24. Jimmy
25. Photo
26. Hat part
28. Fireplace features
32. Invite on a date: 2 wds.
35. Canadian comedian Mr. James
36. Miss
37. Gregorian __
38. Capture
39. __ donna
40. Singer Ms. Kelly
41. Keep the grass short
42. Keys-on-a-loop character in a Western
43. My world of me!
45. Isinglass
46. Slot machine feature
47. Showbiz job in a co.
48. Money exec in a co.
51. __ Bay, Nova Scotia
54. __ clear
55. Splinter



57. Bass, as per singing: 3 wds.
61. US tooth doc's org.
62. Sporting slingshots or sandals
63. Decline, as an offer: 2 wds.
64. TV actress Susan

65. Pilot's steerer
 66. Synchronized on the dance floor: 2 wds.
- DOWN**
1. Secure
 2. "__, __ friend!" (Greetings my long-time pal!)
 3. Boards

4. Historic French Canadian area of Winnipeg: 3 wds.
5. "I __ for Verdun"
6. Opposite of WNW
7. Composition
8. Salon creation
9. "Gilligan's Island" shelter
10. Beginning

11. Comparable
12. Ms. Wilson of "La Femme Nikita"
13. __ into (Criticizes/attacks)
18. Benchmark
19. Canada's highest military honour: 2 wds.
24. "The Money __" (1986) starring Tom

- Hanks and Shelley Long
25. Frying need
27. Groove
28. Mafia
29. "__, __ and the Detectives" (1964)
30. 'L' of household cleaning brand CLR
31. Hollywood Walk of Fame symbol
32. Pretends
33. Velcro 'venue'
34. Mr. Malden
35. Sore
38. 'Name' in Montreal
39. Ocean, e.g.
41. Particular parent
42. Zippy dance
44. Fancy attire
45. Grinding factory
47. Open space in a wooded area
49. Single-named singer
50. Timely way to deliver lines: 2 wds.
51. Delighted
52. Mineral deposit
53. "Fly __ Home" (1996)
54. "Star Trek" episode, '__, Time'
56. Johnny of movies
58. Howe'er
59. Prefix to 'centre'
60. Delivery vehicle

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a lovely day because the Moon and Venus both are in Aries. Lucky you! You feel friendly toward everyone, which is why it will be easy to get along with others.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will welcome every chance to enjoy solitude in beautiful surroundings today. You have an above-average need for privacy and some peace and quiet.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a lovely day to schmooze with friends and members of groups because you feel very warm toward others. Enjoy hanging out with people who are creative and artistic.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You look good in the eyes of bosses, parents and VIPs today. In fact, you look so good that some of you will strike up a flirtation with someone in a position of power.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Grab every opportunity to travel for pleasure today or do something different. Because your appreciation of beauty is heightened, visit museums, art galleries, beautiful buildings and parks.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You can benefit from the wealth and resources of others today, which is why it's a good day if you need to borrow something.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Although you have to cooperate with others today, they will be receptive and cooperative with you. You will achieve a nice balance of give-and-take with close friends and partners.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Co-workers will be supportive today. In fact, you might get praise or even a raise. Who knows? (Fingers crossed.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a romantic day for you. Enjoy social outings, sports events, the arts and playful activities with children. Accept all invitations to party.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You might be enthused about redecorating your home today. Likewise, you will enjoy buying something beautiful for where you live. Family relations will be friendly.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a strong day for those who write, teach, act, sell or market, because your words are like gold today. All your communications with others will benefit you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Look for ways to boost your income today, because they exist. If shopping, you will buy something beautiful for yourself or a loved one.

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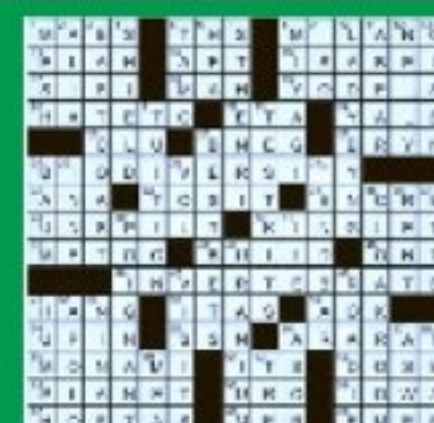
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